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## HARCOURT SAVED BY ABSENCE OF A BREEZE

Prompt Attention Prevents Nocturnal  
Tragedy--Defective Flue Starts  
Blaze in Lewis Hall Attic

College Men Respond to Alarm and  
Render Valuable Aid--Estimated  
Damage Over a Thousand

A temporary cessation of wind together with the snow on the roof, prevented what might have been another serious conflagration, when shortly before one o'clock on Thursday morning, February 26, fire was discovered in the attic of Lewis Hall, one of the buildings of Harcourt Place School. The alarm was spread through college and over the village and in a short time practically every one on the Hill was doing all that could be done to prevent the spreading of the flames. The fire, which evidently had been smouldering since the afternoon of the day before, is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. But for the prompt and vigorous action of those connected with the school and the absence of wind, all of the Harcourt buildings would probably have been burned to the ground. As it was the fire was confined to the attic and aside from some slight damage by water, nothing else was harmed. The total loss was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

To three persons belong the greatest credit for the altogether fortunate outcome of the affair. Miss Baldwin succeeded in spreading the alarm only a few minutes after the fire was discovered; Miss Cochrane, unaided, fought the flames until outside aid arrived; and Miss Merwin had the girls under such perfect control that they were ready to leave the school in an orderly manner at a moment's notice if it had been necessary, thus avoiding any possibility of a panic. That affairs within the school were well managed is evidenced by the fact that all of Thursday's classes met in the usual manner.

The thought of what might have happened at Harcourt brings to our attention once more the crying need of better fire protection in

## DORMITORY COMMITTEE QUESTION AROUSES DISCUSSION IN ASSEMBLY

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution Aims at Abolition of  
Present System--Baseball Problem Divides March Session  
and Results in Season-Ticket Subscription--Acrimon-  
ious Debates Provide Long-Awaited Excitement

Following directly upon a flattering report of the recent Delaware conference on student government, where Kenyon's system was pronounced by far the best in Ohio, like a thunderbolt from a clear sky came a sweeping proposition to abolish the Dormitory Committee as an abject failure. The long-awaited excitement replaced the "pepless" ennui characteristic of the Assemblies held so far this year, and in addition to the proposed amendment on the dormitory system the baseball skeleton was dragged out of the closet and aired until the tensest feeling had been aroused by the acrimonious debates on these important questions.

The regular meeting of Monday, March 2, started off in the usual uninteresting way. Mr. Sant called Vice President Gregg to the chair and reported on the result of the conference at Delaware at which he and Mr. Thompson had represented Kenyon. It appears that we have, for student liberty and successful operation, the most effective form of self-government to be found among Ohio colleges. Mr. Sant advocated a revision of the constitution with careful codification of the countless amendments which now conflict and overlap. On motion the chair was authorized to appoint a committee to undertake this great task.

Mr. Tayler now applied a match in a playful way to the fireworks, presenting his resignation from the Dormitory Committee. Investigation fails to reveal his motive, which seems to have been one of playing a joke. Its certain that he "didn't know it was loaded." When his reasons were demanded by Mr. Kinder, "Shrimp" announced that the position was spoiling his last year on the Hill, and the resignation was rejected by a close vote. Mr. Harper now came forward with a little resignation all his own, which evoked remarks from "Bill" Jenkins, who in no uncertain terms announced his disgust with the entire matter and his loss of confidence in the

present dormitory system as now applied. Harper's resignation was accepted by a decisive vote, whereupon Jenkins resigned. The latter's resignation was also accepted.

"Bill" Kinder now jumped to his feet to move the abolition of the entire Dormitory Committee system. In view of his remarks it is only fair to say that he and Jenkins were actuated by sincere motives which they voiced in frankness and candor. The result of the motion, immediately seconded, was the launching of the warmest debate of recent years. Of course the motion, being an amendment to the constitution, was tabled for at least one week, but the odor of smoke was in the air and the acrimonious clash over baseball could hardly be expected to be a tame affair.

At this juncture the secretary complicated the situation by announcing two vacancies on the committee. This only served to increase the heat of battle, but Messrs. Cushing and Baker were finally chosen. After the debate on the amendment had degenerated into a "rag-chewing match" Kinder withdrew his motion, which was immediately re-introduced by Jenkins. Hereupon, Tayler, whose fruitless attempt to resign had been followed by the release of Harper and Jenkins from the committee, again presented his resignation, which was accepted. Claude Carr was chosen to fill the vacancy. "Rog" Houston now attempted to settle the question by moving the appointment of a committee to recommend changes in the present system. The move was not altogether successful, for it took a ruling from President Sant to decide that this committee should have power to amend by substitution. The motion was seconded and finally carried.

No sooner had this bone of contention been buried than another was thrown out. In his report as Treasurer Dr. Walton announced

## BEAUTY AND THEATRE THEME OF IRISH POET

William Butler Yeats, Foremost Man  
of Letters in Emerald Isle, Says  
Scenery Spoils the Drama

Larwill Foundation Provides Interest-  
ing Address--Author of Some  
Remarkable Lyrical Verse

Without doubt the best lecture of its kind given this year on the Larwill foundation was that on "The Theatre and Beauty," by the famous Irish poet and dramatist, William Butler Yeats. The address was much talked about in advance so that Saturday evening, February 21, found a large audience in Rosse Hall to hear a real poet. Though much of the substance-matter of the lecture was difficult to grasp and appreciate, his manner of presentation and admirable use of simile served to keep his listeners in an interested attitude throughout the evening.

Mr. Yeats began by telling how the theatre had developed, from its earliest beginnings, with a bare and simple stage, having few or no effects, to the elaborate and complex stage of today, equipped with countless devices to produce varying situations. He pointed out and explained why this latter idea of the theatre must gradually be done away with if the drama is to hold a high place in the world of true art. The present theatre, he said, aims to deceive the spectator by painted scenery and fails thereby to stimulate imagination. The players and the stage should aim at suggestion of various situations and not at imitation. He further told how the Renaissance had been to a great extent responsible for the introduction into the theatre of scenery painting, and how such painting had been on the increase until now the tide is about to turn. The poet asserted that the aim is now to present, not plays that are realistic, but rather plays that are imaginative. To obtain this end it is necessary to use the poetic drama because it contains more of the fantastic than any other kind. The drama must record the moods of the soul and the actor must show his audience these various moods through his acting, so that the imagination

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of the spectator shall be stimulat-  
ed. Such is the way, according to  
Mr. Yeates, in which the stage  
shall be transformed from a place  
which mimics situations to one  
which suggests them.

Immediately after the lecture,  
Mr. Yeates answered questions put  
to him by members of the audience  
regarding his talk, and closed by  
reading some of his best-known  
poems. In this way his poetic na-  
ture was revealed to even a great-  
er extent than by the lecture, and  
a higher appreciation of his genius  
was gained by his auditors.

#### All the Way From London

In the New York Times for  
March 6 appears a column letter  
from Geo. R. Parkin, of London,  
Eng., organizing representative of  
the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, in  
which the writer mentions "Bill"  
Bland, '10, as an exceptional ex-  
ample of American success at Ox-  
ford. We quote in part:

"The report of the Rhodes  
Scholarship Trust for the past ac-  
ademic year, 1912-13, which has  
just been distributed, has points  
of especial interest for American  
readers. For one thing, it con-  
tains a larger list of successes  
gained at Oxford by scholars from  
the United States than any pre-  
vious statement since the scholar-  
ship system was organized. One  
of the successes, non-academic in  
character, is especially note-  
worthy. An Ohio scholar, W. J.  
Bland, won his way during the  
past year to the Presidency of the  
Oxford Union, and so will have  
the right to have his portrait hung  
in the debating hall of that rather  
famous nursery of statesmen be-  
side previous occupants of the po-  
sition, such as Mr. Gladstone, Mr.  
Asquith, Cardinal Manning, Lord  
Curzon, Lord Dufferin, Mr. Bryce,  
and a host of other well-known  
English names. Such a success  
furnishes a proof that the Ameri-  
can student endowed with the  
right temper of mind and ability  
can win his way at Oxford among  
his fellow-students as well as the  
native-born Englishman."

#### Such is Fame

Various college papers through-  
out the state, in announcing  
"Bill" Sant's selection as Rhodes  
Scholar, have revealed the infinite  
possibilities of careless proof-read-  
ing. One sheet made Kenton out  
of Kenyon and another drew a vi-  
vid picture of William as an ath-  
lete. (That writer didn't see the  
inter-division basketball tourna-  
ment.) The name has been printed  
Saub, Sands and Laub, and there's  
no telling what the next will be.

#### DO YOUR DUTY

The last home game of basket-  
ball comes Saturday afternoon.

#### J. T. Burr

Jesse Thomas Burr, '61, died at  
his home in Cleveland, Sunday,  
February 15, at the age of seventy-  
three. His death was due to the  
infirmities of old age. He was  
born at Mt. Vernon, August 22,  
1841, and was the son of Dr. J. N.  
Burr, one of Knox county's ear-  
liest settlers. He entered Kenyon  
in 1856 and graduated at the age  
of twenty. Mr. Burr began the  
study of law, but dropped this  
course in order to enlist in the  
Ohio Volunteer Infantry; he  
served as a private until mustered  
out on account of sickness con-  
tracted when the army was before  
Vicksburg. After the war he re-  
mained in the south in business.  
He later invented a pulley, se-  
cured a patent and formed a com-  
pany to manufacture under the  
patent. Mr. Burr removed to  
Cleveland about 1894. He is sur-  
vived by a widow and one sister,  
who is the wife of Major Francis  
A. Crawford, ex-'62, of Terra  
Haute, Indiana. The remains were  
interred at Mt. Vernon.

#### Frederick H. Lane

The many friends of "Mandy"  
Lane, ex-'13, will be shocked and  
grieved to learn of his untimely  
end, February 27. He succumbed  
to tuberculosis at his home in New  
London, Ohio, aged twenty-three  
years, one month and seven days.

Frederick Hendricks Lane was  
born at Bowling Green, Ohio, Jan-  
uary 20, 1891. He graduated from  
the high school in that city in 1909  
and entered Kenyon in the follow-  
ing fall, remaining until the mid-  
dle of his sophomore year, when  
he entered Denison. While here  
he played on the eleven and proved  
a valuable lineman. He soon  
left Granville to enter business  
with his father at Walnut Valley  
stock farm, near New London,  
specializing in the raising of pure-  
bred cattle.

"Mandy" is well and favorably  
remembered by all of the younger  
alumni as a quiet, genial charac-  
ter equipped with many friend-  
winning attributes. He left the  
Hill with splendid physique, and  
to his friends here the story of his  
death by tuberculosis was almost  
incredible. He is survived by a  
widow, an infant daughter and his  
parents. The remains were in-  
terred in the mausoleum at Bow-  
ling Green.

#### Dr. Peirce's Return

President and Mrs. Peirce sailed  
for New York on the steamer Pots-  
dam of the Dutch line last week,  
and will land about March 16.  
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March 21, and will move into  
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## MATRIMONIAL HABIT

Invades Freshman Class and Captures  
Pair of Roommates--'Hoodoo'  
Connected With Room 35

A matrimonial "hoodoo" seems to have taken up an abode in Number 35, West Division, for the pair of freshmen last occupying the room have recently forsaken bachelorhood, much to the surprise of the student body.

Philip F. Baker, '17, of Cleveland, left unexpectedly for his home on Tuesday, February 17, and the next day married Miss Albira Radcliffe of that city. He is now in the office of a street car company. George W. Gill, '17, of Chicago, who had entered only a month before, slipped away to Cincinnati, "for a visit" on Friday, February 28, and on the next day was married to Miss Jessie Trevor, at Newport, Ky. Gill will enter the stock business with his father.

The dual shock created quite a sensation on the Hill, and "35" now has a meaning quite as distinctive as "23" once did. The many friends of the grooms wish them well.

## Seniors No Older Than Juniors

Through the courtesy of the Registrar, Dr. Newhall, the Collegian has been able to obtain some very interesting statistics concerning the average ages of the members of the various classes. The seniors are, it seems, no older than the juniors. In comparison to the University of Illinois it appears that, freshmen excepted, Kenyon men are younger than those in the corresponding classes of the above-named university. While this may or may not cast any light on the standard of scholarship, the fact shows either that men get into Kenyon at an earlier age than at Illinois or that the best students here, that is, those remaining, are those who enter directly from high or preparatory schools. The data follows:

Class	Kenyon	Illinois
Seniors	21.8	23.2
Juniors	21.8	22.1
Sophomores	20.3	20.7
Freshmen	19.4	19.3

## Celebration Coming

The Executive Committee is completing arrangements for a fitting celebration of the passing of the Assembly deficit, and the final announcement is expected for the near future. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. J. A. Gregg, '14, D. W. Bowman, '14, and P. A. McCaughey, '15, will have the matter in charge.

## BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Arouses Interest in an Inter-Division  
Series--East and Middle Kenyon  
in Championship Struggle

The interdivision basketball league organized by Coach Matthews has been most successful, every division responding with at least one team. Two divisions had two teams in the race. The schedule will be completed this week, honors at present being evenly divided between Middle Division No. 1 and East Division. North Hanna and Middle Division No. 2 will also finish in the first division, while West Wing, South Hanna No. 1, East Wing and South Hanna No. 2 will bring up the rear.

A review of each team shows some excellent material. Tyng and Erb are the stars for Middle No. 1, while East Division relies principally upon Gayer and Welch. Wise is North Hanna's best bet, with Nicholson the same for Middle No. 2. Don Smith is West Wing's shining light; McCaughey and Kerber do yeoman service for South Hanna's teams. East Wing relies principally upon Eckerle.

Much interest has been taken in every game and it is to be hoped that a similar series will be arranged next year and that more teams will represent the various divisions. The following is the standing of the teams on Tuesday morning, March 10:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Middle No. 1	5	1	.833
East Division	5	1	.833
Middle No. 2	5	2	.714
North Hanna	5	2	.714
South Hanna No. 1	2	4	.333
West Wing	1	4	.200
East Wing	1	5	.167
South Hanna No. 2	1	6	.143

## Nu Pi Kappa

In order to commemorate the victory won in the recent Stires Debate by their debating team the members of Nu Pi Kappa are planning a jubilee meeting to be held Friday evening, March 13. A meeting of the old type, such as have not been witnessed on the Hill in years, is being prepared. A program composed of six numbers will be given, consisting of a debate upon a subject of interest to all college men, talks, readings and a commemorative poem. This will be followed by a smoker and refreshments. It is the aim to make this the big meeting of the year and every Nu Pi Kappa man is urged to attend.

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### LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

Surely the silly season is with us once more! And, with alarming originality, its victims this year have not confined themselves to the usual abortive attempts at spring poetry, but have broken out with a most extraordinary proposal to the Student Assembly. In almost a frenzy of candor, men get up and tell us that our Dormitory Committee is a miserable failure, approximately one half of the members of the committee resign and an amendment to the constitution is introduced which is to abolish the whole system! All this with little or no discussion and an evident lack of preconsideration.

The personality of the men concerned precludes any doubt as to their sincerity of motive, but the nature of the steps so far taken and the reasons assigned must inevitably produce either distrust of their judgment or conviction that they have not yet given the whole question the serious thought it demands. In black and white, just what have they done? A definite and sweeping proposal has been made to do away entirely with the present system of dormitory government, and yet there

has been not the slightest suggestion of anything to take its place. At once three committeemen have resigned and thus abandoned the system in what they had reason to expect would be a period of transition and consequent strain. By such a step they endanger the very principle of student government quite unjustifiably, and only excused by the weak plea of thoughtlessness.

What is the case against the present system? There have been no details of evidence presented, only the unsupported generalities that membership is productive of unpleasantness in one's college life. Why is it a failure? Do intelligent men expect perfection in a human institution? It is foolish to deny that the well-known rules of the trustees are better enforced now than they were under the old order. No senior can doubt that they have more weight now than three years ago. Shall we not admit that conditions are better now than last year? Finally, all things considered, are we willing to acknowledge a greater success in dealing with this question at any other college of our acquaintance? The other objection has little weight; committeemen in divisions where the rules have been strictly enforced have so far escaped ostracism by their fellow students.

We must not demand perfection but to aim at is laudable. And any amendment of our dormitory system that promises improvement should be heartily welcomed. In this movement, however, the destructive element is the only one as yet developed. The proposition is "to abolish." But we now have student control of the dormitories and "to abolish" means to do away with that same student control. That is to abandon one whole department of our student government and take a distinct step backward to the days of faculty interference. In plain daylight, does this idea appeal to any one of us?

The change is uncalled for; it is impractical. The more we consider it, the more incredible it seems that anyone should be in earnest over such a notion. And there a ray of hope enters. The enthusiasm of the first upheaval has already noticeably subsided and we are prone to believe that the whole thing, at least in its inception, was only a joke. And frankly we confess it, that is a thought which brings relief.

W. W. S.

### WHY THEY LEAVE

With the closing of the first semester and the beginning of the second with its addition of new men, we note the fact that al-

### "AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION"

Once again a narrowly-averted catastrophe calls to our attention the need of greater protection against conflagration, and another forcible lesson warns the undergraduate of the danger of fire from the daily carelessness of which all of us are guilty.

Experience is a dear teacher, but hardly a teacher to the Board

DATE	BUILDING	LOSS
May 9, 1897.....	Rosse Hall.....	\$15,000
February 24, 1906.....	K. M. A. ....	Three lives and \$65,000. Insurance \$35,000
January 1, 1910.....	Hubbard Hall ..	\$14,000 and many invaluable and irreplaceable books and relics.
February 26, 1914.....	Harcourt.....	\$1,000

of Trustees. The above statistics speak for themselves. Gambier's means of fighting fire are deplorably primitive, and to ignore the need of efficient apparatus is criminal. What has the college done to remedy this evil? Nothing at all. Behold the record:

On May 9, 1897, Rosse Hall burned to the ground. The The Collegian of the following July estimates the loss at \$15,000, and in the account of the blaze the writer demonstrates the uselessness of the local "fire department;" there wasn't enough hose to reach from the cistern in front of Ascension (the nearest water supply), and even if there had been the small hand pump would have been of little value. Did the trustees take the tip? Notice the next.

Early on the morning of February 24, 1906, the Kenyon Military Academy also burned to the ground. The only mode of exit was through the windows, not all of which communicated with the fire-escapes. Several cadets were seriously injured by jumping and three were burned to death. The property loss was \$65,000, only half of which was covered by insurance.

Since that time the small chemical engine has appeared, but when, on January 1, 1910, Hubbard Hall was found blazing merrily away, it was impossible to move the engine, which was stuck in the mud. \$14,000 went up in smoke, while the flames licked up invaluable and irreplaceable books, pictures, documents and college relics.

The recent scare at Harcourt only serves to remind us once more of the need of greater protection. Had the flames broken out twenty-four hours before nothing could have saved the building, for the high wind would have made the fire uncontrollable.

If the Board of Trustees will kindly answer a few questions:

How many feet of hose in Old Kenyon and Hanna Hall? What is the diameter? What pressure? How far will it throw? Where are the plugs located?

What width are the stairs? How many fire-escapes?

How many extinguishers? How often are they inspected and charged? (During last Easter vacation the writer witnessed a small blaze in Old Kenyon, when three of the five extinguishers tried failed to work).

Lastly, what would it cost to rebuild Old Kenyon or Hanna Hall?

A word to the wise is sufficient. Three disasters have failed to improve conditions to any appreciable degree. Here on a hundred-foot hill, far above the nearest stream, with a water-works incapable of high pressure and an antiquated little chemical engine usually hub deep in the mud or frozen up in a snow-bound shed, it is criminal neglect to postpone the installation of adequate equipment.

It may be ambitious for the undergraduates to expect recognition from the dignitaries composing the majority of the Board of Trustees, many of whom are busy clipping coupons or mailing pastoral letters. But to the alumni, Kenyon's real trustees, we address this prayer, with the hope that the former students will force some action in the immediate future.

though new faces appear on the Hill, the registration list remains about the same. By consulting the chapel list we find that its neatness has disappeared and that here and there are inserted new names in ink. But we also find that a few of the familiar names are conspicuous because of a heavy black line drawn through them. Thus it is yearly, almost without exception, that our apparent in-

crease in the middle of the year is offset by a steady loss of men during the first semester.

Here arises an important question: Why do men leave Kenyon? The four classes now in attendance have lost from their number exactly eighty men, or forty percent of their enrollment. Of these men slightly over one-half, to be exact forty-three, have left during

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## EMBRYO STATESMAN

**Proves Conclusively That Ida M. Tarbell Has Nothing on Him as an Investigator of Statistics**

If every class contained such a practical statesman as Don R. Smith, '16, the effect on the college would be indescribably beneficial. Smith started something last week, and thereby hangs a tale. Irritated by untimely agitation for a class banquet, the inquisitive Elyria sophomore conducted a little investigation of his own, and to our sporting editor we have left the task of covering the class meeting of March 3. His account follows:

Picture the following: Sterling Room. Radical classmates seated on north side, conservatives on the solid south. The chair has just figured that \$35 will buy seven hundred. Radical agitator talks about class spirit, concluding in plea for sociable little gathering. Loud cheers. Much discussion, little logic. Meeting develops into parliamentary chaos.

Now for the prime event. Arise the Elyrian statistician with small ledger. Leafing past the minutes of the Board of Trade, he arrives at page 23. Assumed attitude of indifferent resignation. Expression of Chaucerian sarcasm.

"Mr. President, I'm not long on oratory, and this is my second appearance in a class argument. Last year my debut resulted disastrously, and this time its liable to. I've come to the conclusion that the sophomore class is a bunch of dead-beats."

The result we leave to the reader's imagination. We fail to find suitable words.

"Mr. President, I've been doing a little investigatin' o' my own. I find that three of this bunch failed to pay the athletic fee either semester last year, and five overlooked the matter last semester. Four sophomores refused to help buy suits for the team last October and only seven have paid this year's Reveille assessment. Three owe for last year's season tickets. Eight owe class dues for last year and six owe for last year's Reveille." So on ad infinitum. And he had the names handy for emergency.

Extract from the minutes—"Moved by Roach, seconded by Smith, that no sophomore be allowed to participate in any function unless he shall have paid all class and college obligations. Carried, one vote dissenting."

The Rev. Francis McIlwain, Bex. '04, visited the Hill Tuesday.

## SPEEDIER FOOTBALL

**Expected to Result From Changes in Rules--Coaches No Longer Allowed to Parade Sideline**

The intercollegiate football rules committee at their annual meeting decided that hereafter coaches shall be barred from parading the side lines. This was the most radical change made in the rules. Others are as follows:

After the teams have lined up the offensive team is not allowed to make any shift into neutral territory. This affects the style of play which was used at Yale for a number of years and which Wooster used with varied success last fall.

Any free kick or kick-off, touching the goal posts and rebounding into the field, should be counted as a touchback.

A kick-off after this touchback is eliminated.

The teams are given the option of choosing a fourth officer to act as field judge.

When a player is out of bounds his team shall be penalized five yards for every offense.

Intentional grounding of a forward pass shall be penalized ten yards from the line of scrimmage. It seems, however, that it will be a rather difficult matter for the officials to determine whether or not the forward pass is grounded intentionally.

The proposition to place numbers on the backs of players, to enable the spectators to identify them, was freely discussed, but no action was taken.

The changes as a whole tend to speed up the game and to clear up one or two obscure points.

## Bedell Lectures

Arrangements have been made to have the Bedell lectures for this year delivered by the Rev. George Hodges, Dean of the Cambridge Divinity School. The date has been set for about the first week in April.

The subject which Dean Hodges will discuss is "The Church in the Fourth Century," and his lecture will comprise part of a book written by him on this topic.

The Bedell Lectureship was established by Bishop and Mrs. G. T. Bedell in 1880 and provides for biennial lectures on religious topics and for their publication. These addresses were formerly made on Founders' Day but the recent practice has been to hold them later in the college year.

The last home game of basketball comes Saturday afternoon.

## NU PI WINS DEBATE

**And W. H. Estes Lands First Prize of Thirty-five Dollars--W. Clinton Seitz Again Takes Second**

Despite the inclemency of the weather and the small number of men on the Hill during the holiday a fair sized audience turned out to hear the annual Stires prize debate between the teams representing Nu Pi Kappa and Philomathesian literary societies held at Rosse Hall, Monday evening, February 23.

The subject for debate was: "Resolved, that the United States should intervene in Mexico." The affirmative of the question was man, '14, W. C. Seitz, '16, and R. man, '14, W. C. Seitz, '16, and R. J. Doll, '17, representing Philo while the negative was upheld by Messrs. C. T. Hull, '14, W. H. Estes, '16, and W. W. Roach, '16 of Nu Pi Kappa. The chief arguments on the side of the affirmative were, the necessity to protect American interests in Mexico and the need of establishing a firm government in Mexico to ward off foreign powers of Europe or the far East. The negative showed why intervention would be illegal and also pointed out the fact that intervention would mean more bloodshed and would fail to overcome the pending difficulties.

The debate was won by Nu Pi Kappa while the prizes were awarded as follows: first prize of thirty-five dollars, Mr. Estes; second prize of fifteen dollars, Mr. Seitz. The judges were Dr. Streibert, Prof. Devol and Mr. L. E. Mitchell, while Dr. Harrison acted as chairman.

## Set This to Music

Among the improvements now taking place at Kenyon is the establishment of a parlor in Bexley Hall, their main dormitory. It is anticipated that this room will be the general meeting place for faculty and students. With its open fire-place and many easy chairs this room will make a specialty of pleasure and comfort.

In this one particular Kenyon has stepped ahead of Denison. In neither of the two dormitories have we any place of common gathering.—Denisonian, in editorial on "Better Dorms."

## Katsuji Kato

Advocating Y. M. C. A. work among Japanese students in American colleges, Mr. Katsuji Kato delivered a short address in chapel, Thursday morning, February 19. He is a graduate of Chicago and holds the degree of Ph. D.

## BETTER TEAM-WORK

**Characterizes Last Lap of Basketball Season--Wittenberg and Wooster Not Difficult to Defeat**

Kenyon lost the first overtime game of the season to St. Mary's Institute on Friday, February 13, at Dayton; the score was 36 to 31. When the whistle blew for the end of the final half the score was 28 to 28, and during the extra five minutes St. Mary's scored enough points to give them the victory. Clements and Schafer were Kenyon's best, while Mahoney starred for St. Mary's.

<b>Kenyon</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Clements	L. F.	Sacksteder
Schafer	R. F.	Devereux
Snyder	C.	Mahoney
Steinfeld	L. G.	Hart
Tasman	R. G.	Sherry

Field Goals—Kenyon, Schafer 6, Clements 5, Tasman; St. Mary's, Mahoney 6, Devereux 5, Sacksteder 3, Sherry 2.

Foul Goals—Kenyon, Schafer 7; St. Mary's, Mahoney 4.

## Kenyon 37, Wittenberg 28

In a fast and scrappy game that was at times unpardonably rough, Kenyon defeated Wittenberg at Rosse Hall, Friday, February 27, by a score of 37 to 28. In the absence of Clements, Prosser played right forward and his work deserves special mention. Schafer and Shireman did excellent work, while the guarding of Steinfeld and Tasman was great to watch. Goehring was the best Wittenberg could offer.

<b>Kenyon</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Wittenberg</b>
Schafer	L. F.	Melching
Prosser	R. F.	Goehring
Shireman	C.	Weaver

Steinfeld L. G. | McNally |

Tasman R. G. | Detriech |

Field Goals—Kenyon, Schafer 7, Prosser 6, Shireman 3, Steinfeld 2; Wittenberg, Melching 3, Goehring 4, Wearly 3. Foul Goals—Kenyon, Schafer; Wittenberg, Wearly 8.

## Mt. Vernon Y. M. C. A.

The Mt. Vernon Y. M. C. A. defeated Kenyon, 31-19, on Tuesday, March 3, at Mt. Vernon. The smallness of the floor and poor refereeing were the principal factors in the defeat. Steinfeld, one of the most dependable players, wrenched his knee, and it is doubtful if he will play again this season.

## Kenyon 31, Wooster 18

In the best played game of the season, Kenyon defeated Wooster at Wooster, Thursday, March 7,

score 31-18. The game was marked by unusual roughness, numerous fouls being called. Schafer appeared in the limelight for Kenyon, scoring twenty-one points. Eddy did the best work for Wooster.

Kenyon	Pos.	Wooster
Schafer	L. F.	Eddy
Clements	R. F.	Goodman
Shireman	C.	Connelly
Snyder, Prosser	L. G.	Patton
Tasman	R. G.	Kennedy

Field goals—Kenyon, Schafer 6, Snyder 3, Clements, Shireman; Wooster, Eddy 2, Goodman 2, Connelly. Foul goals—Schafer 9, Eddy 8.

#### Dr. Cooley on Rome

An interesting lecture on the Larwill foundation was given Tuesday evening, March 10, when Arthur S. Cooley, Ph. D., addressed college men and the residents of Gambier on the subject "Rome." Dr. Cooley, who has travelled abroad extensively, is well known in Gambier, as he has delivered talks here before.

With the aid of stereopticon views he showed the various noted buildings and places in and about the city which had played such a prominent part in Roman history. Buildings of different periods were carefully described, so the hearer could detect to some extent the architectural development of the race. The lecturer made clear by the use of the map the exact locations of the places described, so that a clear notion could be gained by the audience.

Though Dr. Cooley's voice was not loud, his delivery was distinct and his statements concise. The lecture was greatly appreciated as was evidenced by the large and interested audience.

#### Battery Becomes Popular

The many uniforms that have been seen around the campus of late, especially on Mondays, does not mean that K. M. A. has been revived or that preparations for war with Mexico are being made. They signify that Company D, of the First Ohio Field Artillery, recently organized in Mt. Vernon, has in its enrollment to date ten Kenyon men, who journey to the county seat every Monday night to learn something of the science of war.

Enlisted in this battery are C. J. Ader, '17, B. L. Brown, '16, E. H. Gunther, '17, P. O. Keicher, Bexley, R. F. McDowell, '16, J. E. C. Meeker, '17, W. M. Monroe, '16, R. D. Nicholson, '17, G. U. Sadler, '17 and G. W. Stober, '16.

When the roads are dry the soldiers usually walk the five miles between Gambier and Mt. Vernon, but often when there is snow on the ground sleighs are used. Sometimes the railroad is resorted to

but the train schedule is rather inconvenient.

The equipment of the battery comprises four three-inch field guns with their caissons and limbers and full quota of horses and men. Each man's personal equipment includes four complete uniforms and a .45 Colt automatic pistol.

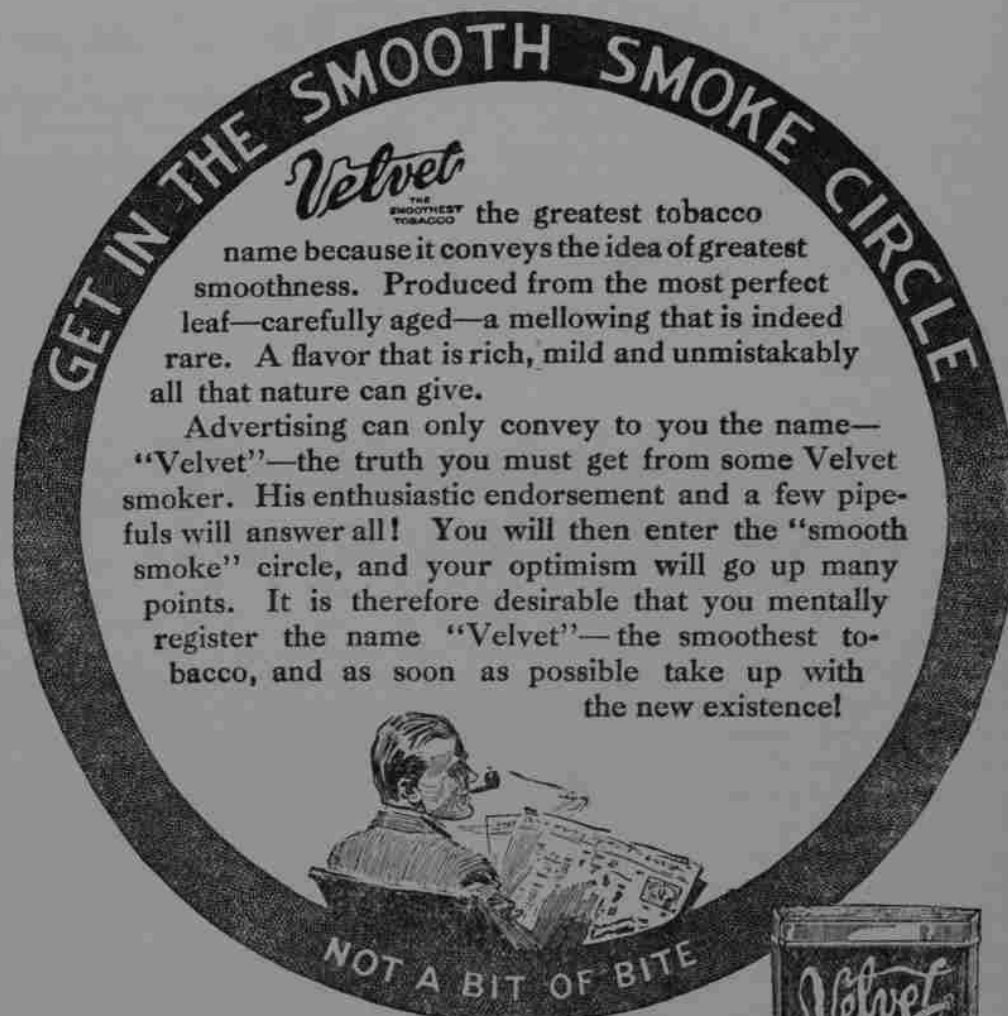
There is also a social side to the company. Reports have it that their first military ball will be held on Tuesday evening, March 31.

Several of the men have been attending "non-com." school after drill and Keicher, McDowell and Meeker have signified their intention of taking examinations on March 16 for non-commissioned officers' positions.

Captain Arthur S. Thompson, ex-'08, in charge of the company, has received communications from the federal government stating that the battery will in all probability be taken to the government range at Tobyhanna, Pa., for their camp next summer. Although the college men will have a leave of absence for the summer they are all anxious to attend this camp.

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#### Dr. Towles on Labor

The second of the series of Harcourt parish illustrated lectures to be given during Lent was read in Rosse Hall by Dr. J. K. Towles on Wednesday evening, March 11, the subject being "Hours and Wages."

Conditions in which the workers live and labor were dealt with and each phase of the worker's life was discussed with the aid of stereopticon views.

Agricultural, manufacturing and mining were the industries that received most thorough treatment in respect to benefitting the workmen and to raising the standard of living.

The astounding news that President and Mrs. W. F. Peirce are to move into Cromwell Cottage brings memories of the prophecy that this stately edifice was to have been finished in the fall of 1912. True Kenyon rapidity.

Ever notice how many men set their watches at 11:30 Sunday morning?

#### Alumni

The Rev. John K. Coolidge, '02, Bex. '05, was married to Miss Blanche Katherine Barnum of Colfax, California, Wednesday, March 4. They will be at home after April 1 at Burlingame, California.

Announcements have been received of the recent marriage of Allan F. Muter, ex-'03, to Mrs. Ruth Filmore, at San Francisco. Mr. Muter is superintendent of the Ernestine Mining Company, at Magallon, N. M.

T. J. Goddard, '03, B. F. Jones, ex-'08, K. F. Luthy, ex-'08, and C. B. Senft, '11, visited the Hill during the past fortnight.

The Rev. Aaron E. Jones, Bex. '12, has been named as one of five boxing commissioners to regulate amateur bouts in Toledo.

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### HARCOURT SAVED

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Gambier. This was the first time in years that any building in Gambier caught fire and did not burn completely. Rosse Hall, the K. M. A. buildings, Hubbard Hall, Thompson's elevator and several residences that have been entirely or almost entirely destroyed by fire are examples that most of us can recall. "Everything that catches fire in Gambier burns up" is a common saying that is dangerously near the truth.

### Sophomore Hop

Monday, May 11, has been selected as the date of Sophomore Hop, and an informal will be held on the evening of Saturday, May 9. The sophomore committee has arranged for a decorator to oversee the work in Rosse Hall, and the preparations augur a successful event.

### Interdivision Track Tournament

Coach R. L. Mathews announces that as soon as the interdivision basketball season is closed the arrangement of an inter-division track tournament will be undertaken. In order to be eligible for this match every participant must devote three days a week to practice.

### Eastern Time

Some consternation has been occasioned by the report that this section of the state is to adopt Eastern time. As this means a 5:45 rising bell, a 6:45 chapel service and a 5:00 o'clock dinner, the disconcerting effect of the news can be imagined. But it gives an extra hour after the evening meal which means more tennis and "longer daylight."

Washington and Jefferson contemplates a "cabaret show." If W. and J. will take a little tip from Kenyon—avoid it, Eustace.

### DORMITORY COMMITTEE

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the financial failure of the basketball season, advocating the issuance of baseball season-tickets with the abolition of baseball as an alternative. Once more the session developed into a stormy scene rivaling an antebellum Senate debate on slavery. To make a long story short, the arguments became less and less germane, until the introduction of extraneous questions degenerated the meeting into another quibble. Most of the speakers seemed prone to "masticate the muslin," but a motion was finally passed authorizing a committee to solicit season-ticket subscriptions at \$1.25 for three home games. "Bill" Jenkins announced that, in order to save baseball as a department of Kenyon athletics, the third constitutional division offered \$25.00 to start the subscription list. Dr. Walton closed the discussion amid applause by pointing out that the entire question arose from poor support of basketball and urging a full attendance at the last game, March 14.

The entire session was one well calculated to tax the parliamentary resources of the chair, but President Sant never wavered. His rulings on points of order were all constitutional and fair, showing his capability as a chairman and his power of piloting the Assembly through any kind of struggle.

The committee to revise the Dormitory Committee system consists of Messrs. Tasman, Houston and McCaughey and is known to be out of sympathy with any radical steps. One man from each division was chosen to raise the baseball fund, and a recent meeting of the executive committee brought to light the fact that baseball is safe by a margin of about twenty dollars.

### "The Bull in the China-Shop"

A massive black oak cabinet, extending almost to the ceiling, has been placed in the north side of the reading room in the Library. It is to be used as a closet for the gowns which were purchased for the choir this year.

### Notice

Messrs. Baker, Goodwin, Herringshaw, Shaw, Steinfeld, Stober, Thompson and Zint owe for last year's Reveille and are requested to settle at once.

E. M. Tasman, Manager.

The bridge at the foot of the Hill is almost completed—at least sufficiently to weather another flood.

### Higher Education

(Cornell university has added a course in horse-shoeing to its curriculum.)

Cornell has a horse-shoeing college!

Our schools are awakened at last.

The pupils will now acquire knowledge

They well might have missed in the past!

Let Harvard now teach manicuring,

And Yale give a course in massage—

Let Princeton impart the fine points of the art

Of cleaning the barn and garage!

When Dartmouth shall satiate the craving

For lessons in scrubbing of floors;

When Vassar gives courses in paving

And Case teaches general chores;

When Michigan educates bell-hops

And Wellesley imparts Pound-ing Sand,

Education shall creep from its aeon-long sleep,

And Science shall rule in the land!

Now Williams shall teach us pants-pressing,

Reserve give Ditch Digging D.D.'s;

Johns Hopkins shall make salad dressing,

Siwash confer cobbling degrees!

Cornell, though, is rather ungallant,

Is chivalry naught but a myth?

If schools shall give courses in shoeing of horses,

The stunt should be started by Smith!

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### K. M. A. Alumnus Dies

Ben A. Gans, a former student of Kenyon Military Academy, died at his home in Massillon of tuberculosis, Tuesday, March 7. He was a newspaper man of varied experience, having worked in many parts of the middle west. Gans was twenty-eight years of age.

### Alarming Exodus

During the past fortnight five men have withdrawn. Cupid, always an enemy of Kenyon, claimed P. F. Baker and G. W. Gill of the class of 1917. Brower Murphy and W. T. Bland of the same class withdrew to enter next year, and "Dick" Marsh, '15, has entered business with his father at Norwalk.

What did you "swear off" during Lent?

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### Philo Awards Insignia

Following the ancient custom, the Philomathesian Society will award its insignia in the near future. Everyone is familiar with the resplendent "Phi's" that some of the members of the society wear. On the key are to be found all the insignia of the society, the "Phi," the letters M. S. A. and L. E. R., and on the back the letters K. C., which being interpreted signify Kenyon College. These keys it is the custom of the society to award to those men who have held office, participated in the Stires Debate, or been members in good standing for three years.

This custom was resurrected from dim obscurity during the presidency of W. H. Coolidge, '12. He appointed as a committee to make arrangements for procuring keys, Donald Wonders, '13, who served in this capacity for two years. In his first term, no keys were given out because no successful arrangements could be made to have them produced at any reasonable price. Frank Weida, '13, drew up a design for them modelled on the original which is in one of the windows in the alcove in Philo Hall.

Last year was the first in which keys were really awarded. Mr. Wonders succeeded in finding a place where they could be made suitably and reasonably, and keys were awarded to Messrs. Crawford, Sprague, I. J. Koehnline, W. F. Koehnline, Weida, and Wonders of the class of 1913, Martin and Porter as honorary members, Dobie, '14, Freeman, '15, and Seitz, '16. Mr. Seitz of this year's key committee has reported that the following are eligible to wear the charm this year: D. W. Bowman, J. A. Gregg, D. H. Harper and W. W. Sant of the class of 1914, K. W. Cushing, '15, and R. J. Doll, '17. Eligibility does not mean that it is compulsory that a man buy a key, but in the future the campus will be resplendent with the gorgeousness of the newly-bought decoration.



## EDITORIALS

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or at the end of their first year. There is a reason for all things. Why did these men leave? The facts as deduced from a carefully prepared set of statistics are as follows: The great proportion of men leaving did so either to enter into business or to prepare for it by entering technical schools. Twenty-two and one-half percent went directly into business, while twenty percent entered technical courses. Next in importance comes matrimony, which exacted as its toll thirteen percent. Financial difficulties caused the loss of twelve percent, while failure to pass the required amount of work has forced ten percent to leave the Hill. During the four years six men have been requested to leave by the faculty, five were unable to stay on account of poor health or weak eyes, while five found themselves too far away from home to suit their temperament.

Although it is with regret that we are forced to recognize these facts, still it is gratifying to know that almost half who leave do so on account of a desire to get an early start in life and also that half of these leave not to get away from college but in order to better fit themselves at special institutions for the vocations they have chosen to follow.

## NOONDAY SERVICES

If there are no more present than there have been so far, there is no earthly use of continuing the noonday services during Lent. It is an imposition to ask Dr. Smythe to spend time to get up a talk for this service when there are so few there.

There are two reasons why the attendance has not been larger. One is that most of the professors do not let their classes out at 12:00, but hold them ad libitum. The second is that the faculty does not want the bell rung to call attention to the fact that there is such a service; it will disturb the classes to have it rung at the time when they should rightfully be let out. The result is obvious; there being no bell rung, no one remembers that there is to be a service; classes which are held overtime cannot get there in time to hear the beginning of the talk, and so do not go at all.

In past years President Peirce has announced these services, and has had the monitor ring the bell five minutes before the usual time, depriving the faculty of five minutes of cherished instruction. This accomplished both the ends mentioned above, and there were at least fifteen men in the congregation instead of the faithful five or

six who attended these services regularly.

We wonder why the system of the President is not being kept up in his absence. If it is the will of the faculty that these services should be dropped, let it continue as it has. It is farcical to have services for the men of the College which they cannot attend and are discouraging on account of their poor attendance. K. W. C.

## WHAT'S IT FOR?

Some little discussion has arisen lately as to the meanings and uses of various items on the term bills, which have recently been distributed. These fees are printed on the term bill so that the student is unable to ascertain the uses of the money. For instance, the "Incidental Fee" seems to be more of a tradition than a necessary tax. Inquiry fails to bring any light upon the real use of this fee. As far as we are able to ascertain the money is used as a sort of reserve fund. It probably originated when the "stacking" of Ascension

Hall was a regular occurrence, and has continued to be levied upon the students.

Another "traditional fee" is that borne by the different classes for the use of the gymnasium during Prom and Sophomore Hop. This fee consists of the paying for a watchman and the heating of the building. The fact that the upperclassmen are forced to pay a gymnasium fee and derive no benefit from the building has caused the seniors to revolt at the idea of paying the extra assessment.

There is only one remedy for these contingencies, namely the codifying of all these assessments under one item. This would avoid confusion and eliminate all trouble of this sort.

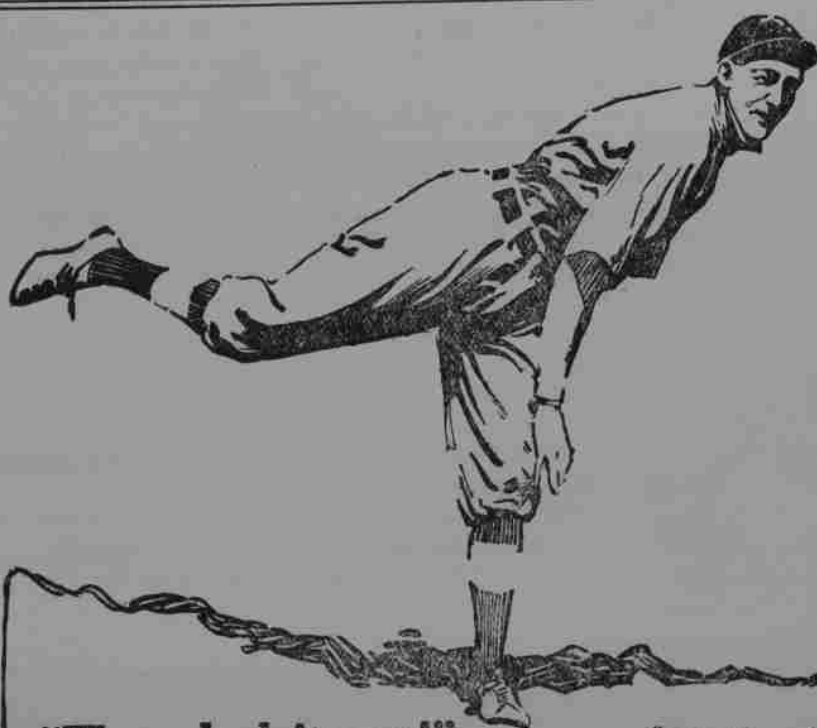
At a recent meeting of the freshman class the committee on canes reported that a green stick with a curved handle had been selected. The 1917 class banquet will be held in the near future, the date not yet being selected.

## The Reveille

The work on the Reveille is progressing very rapidly and is almost completed. The copy goes to the printer on March 14. At this time all literary articles should be in the hands of Mr. Cushing.

The Board needs the help of every man in college to make this publication a success financially. Very little interest has been shown by the majority of the men in the two lower classes. The assessments are three months overdue. There is no excuse for this. Let every man who has not met this assessment take a brace and meet McCaughey this week with his dollar and a half.

This year's Reveille promises to be one that every Kenyon man will be proud of. There will be a complete literary section, different from any Reveille that has ever been published. It should appeal to every Kenyon man who picks up the book, and all contributions will be thankfully received.



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